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Principal's Message

As we come to the end of another year at Eliza Van Bibber School I am amazed at what a busy year it has been! Our School has continued to focus on strong academics as well as providing students with cultural learning opportunities.

This year, students participated in a number of outdoor and cultural activities such as: trapping, snaring, winter camping, dog sledding, white water rafting, berry picking and cross country skiing. As a school, we attended SFN's culture camp and May Gathering, where students learned from our local elders and community members about cultural teachings.

Students greatly improved their non-fiction writing skills this year through focusing on reflective writing that is connected to on-the-land experiences. It is this connection between academics and culture that will continue to serve our students as they gain the skills required to pursue a career of their choice, while also learning who they are as Selkirk people.

I would also like to thank our community for your support this year. Behind every success from our students are the families that support them. Over the last number of years the School and SFN have built a strong partnership, which has allowed students to experience an education that is local and meaningful. I am grateful for this partnership and thank SFN for their continued support with our School.

I would like to wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable summer !
Mussi Cho ~ Shannon Boyce



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**Congratulations EVBS Grads
Class of 2017**

Students Have Fun at 2nd Annual Cross Country Ski Loppet

On April 5th EVB students were actively involved in our 2nd annual Cross-Country Ski Loppet! Students in every class had their ski's waxed and ready to race. The staff and students welcomed the spring weather during their dash for the finish line in a race between other student participants. The students had a fantastic day encouraging their peers while engaging in friendly competition with friends. At the end of the races,

~ Written by Lauren McGinty



Ready, Set, Go!



Happy skiers ready to start



A the Start Line



Made it to the finish line

Students Have Fun at 2nd Annual Cross Country Ski Loppet



The 1 pole ski to the finish



Dashing from the start line



Student on his way through the rails



Students and Staff enjoy a BBQ



Who needs ski poles? Not I

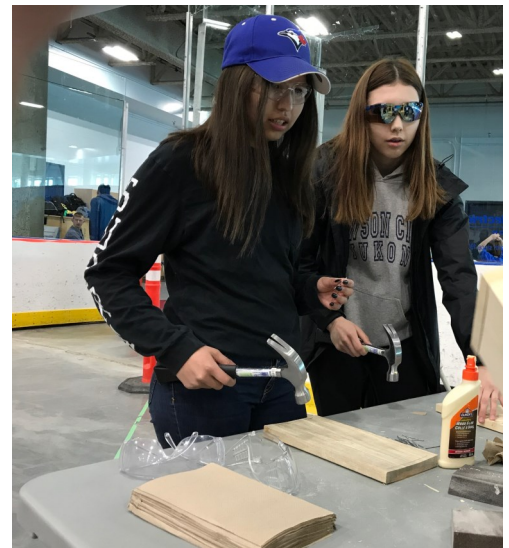
Skills Canada Trip

April 27th 2017 was the Territorial Skills Competition. Students from across the territory converged on the Canada Games Centre and Yukon College, Whitehorse campus to try different skilled trade activities and observed the competition. The EVB High School travelled to Yukon College's Whitehorse campus first to try welding. All students made a metal coat hook that they bent and

welded on to a wall bracket. We toured the new centre for Northern Innovation to observe college classrooms and courses and see the new trades workshop.

Next the high school group went to the Canada Games Centre to see the carpentry, film, electrical and plumbing and many more competitions. Students were able to talk to competitors and with trade professionals to learn more about the wide variety of trades they could gain certification in. After making cupcakes, tool boxes, solving electrical problems plumbing pipes and trying on firefighters gear we headed back to Pelly Crossing full of new ideas and a bigger understanding of the many career paths available after high school. Thank you to Mr. Abson for helping chaperone this trip!

~ Written by Joshua Korten



Students at Skills Canada



Grade 7/8 Students Attend REM in Faro

JR REM was a great success for all Grade 7/8 Students that attended! From being leaders at Hands Games, to meeting new friends and trying their best in their activities, EVBS students were called out as great ambassadors to Pelly Crossing! This annual arts, sports and culture camp is truly a special event that brings each rural community in the Yukon together. We look forward to sending more students each year to REM!

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



Students at the Junior REM in Faro

Students Learn to Ski at Mount Sima



Students Learning How to Ski



Students on the Chair Lift

Skiing at Mount Sima was another success this year. All the students from Grade 3-5 took advantage of the beautiful, warm weather, the trained instructors and the amazing snow conditions. Many students were given skiing lessons, while more experienced skiers were ready to get on the ski lift to ski down the mountain. After a few hours, all students were happy with their achievements and all the fun they had that afternoon.

~ Written by Lynette Lo



Kindergarten Graduates Acknowledged !



On Wednesday June 14th a beautiful graduation ceremony was held at Eliza Van Bibber School to acknowledge the hard work of our Kindergarten students.

'Miss. Mary put on a beautiful ceremony with decorations, awards of acknowledgement and delicious luncheon and cake. Thank you to all the parents who came out to attend. A new journey will begin for these students next year as they enter grade 1!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

Kindergarten Graduating Class of 2017!

Swans Share Important Lessons



Students from Grades 3-6 took part in activities hosted by the Yukon Wildlife Preserve held at Marsh Lake's Swan Haven. They learned about migration, characteristics of swans and swan statistics through role play, games and viewings.

~ Written by Lynette Lo

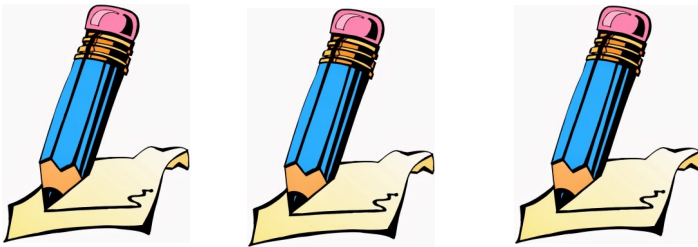


Students Looking for Swans



Grade 3/4/5 Class at Swan Haven

Author Teaches Students to Write from Experience



Author, James MacKinnon visited EVBS on May 2nd as part of the Yukon Library Tour. MacKinnon has written the best seller, *The 100 Mile Diet*. His most recent book, *The Once and Future World* calls for an age to remake a wilder world today.



Students with James MacKinnon

Students and staff gathered in the library to listen to James talk about how his life experiences shape the stories he writes about. He shared exciting life adventures with students such as living a week on an Island and learning to be self sufficient with finding food, building a shelter and then a raft. He used this experience to gather inspiration for his stories about the natural world. Students had lots of insightful questions for James and he likewise had questions for students about life in the Yukon and the Northern Tutchone Language. Staff and students eagerly await the next Author visit!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

Students Experience Whitewater Rafting!

High School Students rafting down the Takini river on their year end class trip !



Taking a break on the river



Students rafting down the river

Privacy Commissioner Visits EVBS

It was great to have knowledge passed on regarding online safety from our Yukon Privacy Commissioner. Student's talked about the importance of creating a safe online profile, what healthy online conversations and relationships look like and got to even act out different true and false online privacy scenarios with funny costumes! This information is so important for students to know and feel comfortable with. Remember to always ask yourself, is this statement kind? Would it hurt someone else? Will I be proud of saying this or showing this picture of myself later on? Keep being safe and respectful EVB students!

~Written by Hilary Coburn

Musicians Teach Students to Tell Stories Through Songwriting



Students Listening to Calla and Kelvin.

Two talented musicians, Calla and Kelvin visited the School on Wednesday May 3rd to do a musical performance followed by a song-writing workshop. Students learned the process of how to express themselves through composing and performing a song. This was an excellent experience for students to learn how to tell a story through music through the guidance of professional musicians. Students of all ages enjoyed the workshop and we look forward to more visits from Calla and Kelvin.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

Easter Fundraisers Raise Money for High School Graduation

On Friday April 13th, students, staff and community celebrated Easter with our annual Easter cake walk. This year, the potential grads organized the cake walk and all proceeds went to fund their graduation. The cake walk raised \$74.00 dollars and the Easter Basket raffle raised \$ 258.95. It was a fun way for School and community to celebrate the beginning of spring !

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Easter Cake Walk



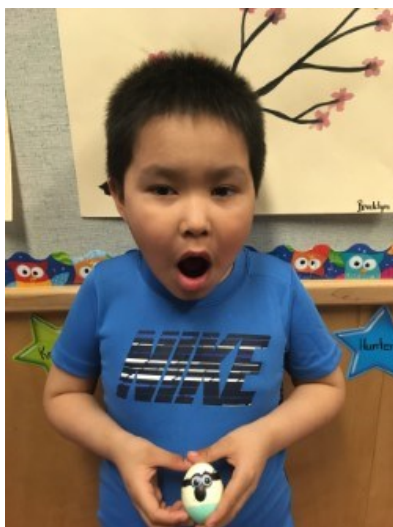
Easter Cake Walk



Winner of Easter Basket Raffle



Grade 1/2/3 Class Makes Beautiful Easter Art



Student with Art



Student with Art

The grade 1/2/3 celebrated the Easter holiday by creating unique sculptures and 3-D Art. Students made: paper flower bouquets, bunny Easter baskets, 'Minion' eggs, and string egg sculptures.

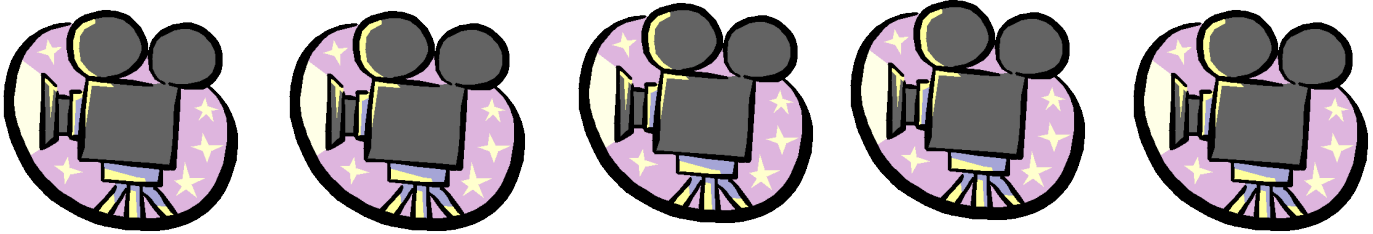
~ Written by Tricia Frey

Students Share Their Culture Through Film & Music

From the hard work student's put into their Heritage Projects, a cultural heritage film project was born. John Alderson from Arts Ed-Venture brought his filming and editing expertise to our classroom at the beginning of May for two days and we now have 3 amazing videos to show for it!!! The Selkirk Spirit Dancers, Dooli Law and Northern Tutchone Trapping are the three Video Topics that emerged. Each has interviews, music, voiceovers or text inserts and incredible amount of creativity! We are so proud of these students' technical skill development and dedicated work. You may be able to vote online for several of these projects starting June 12-July 7th :) The 26 Canadian Youth Winners will be sent to Ottawa to showcase their Heritage Videos in Fall 2017!!

Come watch these 3 videos on Tuesday June 6 from 3-3:30pm in the EVBS Library!

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



Students Share Local Knowledge at Heritage Day Fair

From Trapping, to Fort Selkirk, to Minto, to Northern Tutchone Teachings and many more, the Grade 5/6/7/8 class did a stand up job of presenting their learnings on their Heritage Day projects. Community members, classes, parents and guardians all came together in the Library to learn and share in the Northern Tutchone and Selkirk First Nation pride that these students felt. It was really special to work together with Teri-Lee at the SFN's Heritage Department on this project. Each student worked hard through the research process with Teri-Lee and Ms.Coburn, and it was fabulous to see where they interviews, book research and learnings took them! Madison Gill, Keyshawn Sawyer and Rena Simon had their work featured at the Yukon/ Stikine Heritage Fair in Whitehorse. We hope that EVBS can hold an annual Heritage Fair in Pelly Crossing, and that students can continue to interview and document their valuable and unique culture and heritage!



Student Accepting Award



Student Presenting

EVBS Recognized Excellence

Congratulations to all our Award Winners at this year's awards ceremony. On Thursday June 2nd students, staff and community members gathered to celebrate students' accomplishments throughout the year. I would like to extend a big "thumbs up" to all students who have worked hard this year, both in the classroom and around the School. A big Mussi Cho to community members for coming out to show your support.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Dooli Award



Citizen Award



Most Improved Student Award



Most Improved Student

EVBS Recognizes Excellence



Attendance Award



Most Improved Student



Most Improved Student



Most Improved Kindergarten

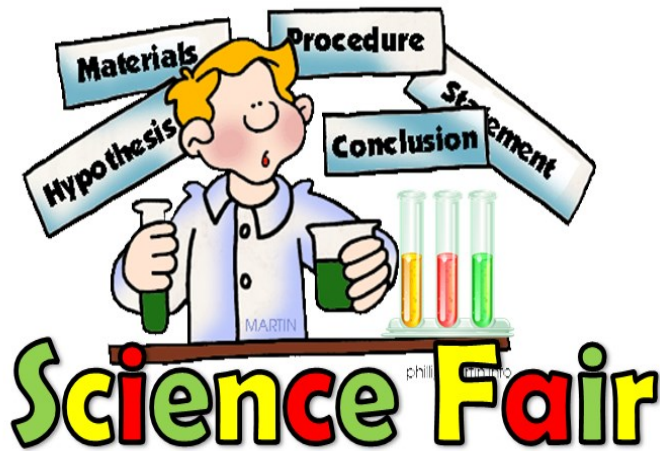


Athletes of the Year Award



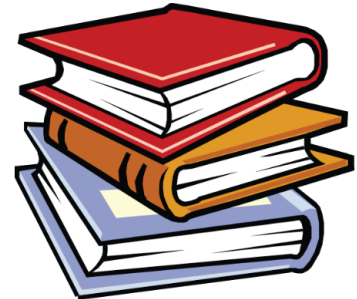
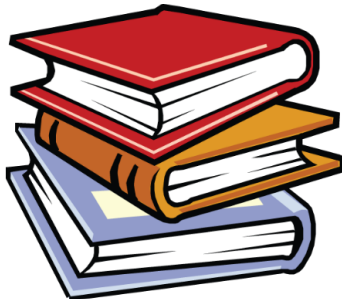
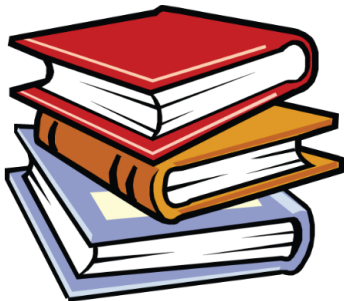
Cultural Role Model Award

EVBS Hosts Science Fair



On May 10, the EVB was a buzz with excitement and energy as students were setting up their science fair projects. Students from all grades participated in a wide range of science fair projects. Science fair topics included plants, the environment, dissolving gummy bears, crystals, magnetic ink, colour, psychology and rockets. The rotunda and library were packed for the afternoon as parents, family and community members learned from EVB's young scientists what they discovered. It was great to hear all the students sharing their learning with their peers and our community. To close out the science fair, the Science and Technology 11 class set off 3 successful rocket launches that went over 500ft in the air! A big thank you to all the students, parents, and staff for making the science fair a BLAST!

~ Written by Joshua Korten



Expanding Our Leveled Library for EVBS Students

On March 13th, the teachers got together in the library to organize and help expand our levelled library section. With programs like reading recovery in Eliza Van bibber School, we are able to work with students to improve their literacy skills. This library allows for students to find books at their level of reading. We are hoping to order more books to help fill in some levels and give a wider variety with our Spring EVB Library order.

Thank you to Ms. Frey, Ms. Lo, and Ms. Coburn for helping the library organize this important learning tool!

~Written By Lauren Baranik



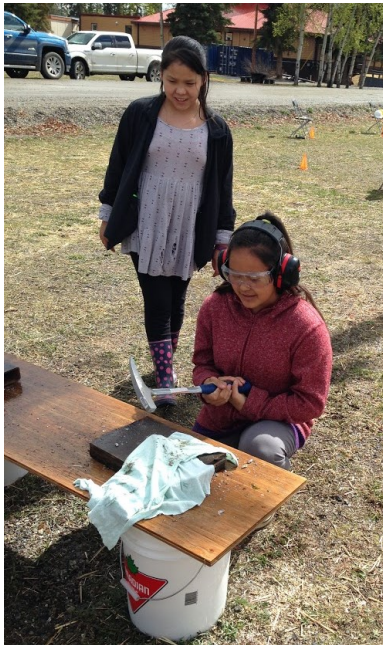
Staff organizing leveled library

Yukon Women in Mining

Yukon Women in Mining visited the School on Monday May 15th to teach students about mining in the Territory. They set up a number of tents where students had the opportunity to visit each tent to learn a different aspects of mining.

Students learned about matching animal prints and scat to the appropriate animal, properties used to clean water (reclamation process) and careers related to the mining industry. Students of all ages enjoyed these interactive and engaging activities.

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



Engaged Students



Student Enjoying Presentation



Music Workshop with Steve Slade



Steve Slade visited EVBS to teach students how to play harmonicas, and ukuleles. Students learned how to write their own songs and play music to match the lyrics. Students then performed their talents at the WE Day Celebration for the community.

We look forward to have Steve return to the School next year to continue music programing. We have natural musicians at our School!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



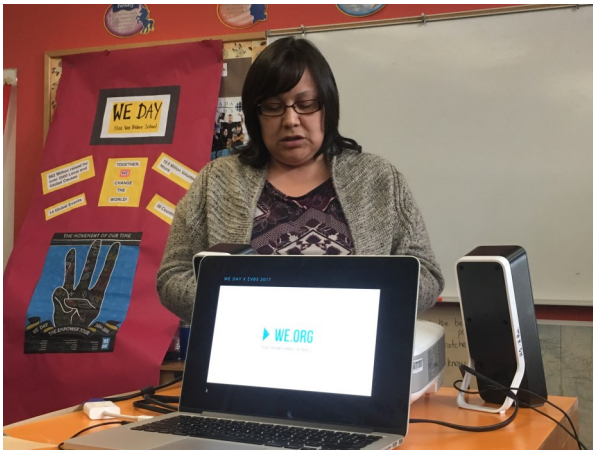
Kindergarten Class Playing Harmonicas

EVBS Hosts First WE Day

WE DAY was a great success on May 30th! Students and community members came together to celebrate youth making a difference in our local and global communities! We Day is an event that showcases local leaders, student talent and music. Each student left with a commitment to taking one local and one global action. Students were pledging to local actions like cleaning up garbage, bringing recycling to Raven Recycling, car-pooling, cooking and cleaning for Elders and learning more of their local Northern Tutchone language. Some of the global actions that students were pledging to are things like raising money for Ecuador Health Initiatives through running bake sales here at EVBS. Thanks to Jean Van Bibber, Sharon Nelson, Gina Gill, Laird Herbert and BYTE for their inspiring speeches and contributions! We look up to our local, empowering and motivational leaders!

Let's continue to be the positive change we wish to see in this world!

~ Written by Hilary Coburn



Chief, Sharon Nelson at WE Day



Jean Van Bibber at WE Day

Students Participate in May Gathering

The classes of EVB were excited to participate in this year's annual May Gathering celebration. Among the traditional activities the students engaged in, the social atmosphere of the gathering was overall positive, welcoming and inclusive to learn about the traditional relation of the fish and animals in our environment. The imperative aspects of Northern Tutchone cultural heritage and language were shared and enjoyed with our students throughout the gathering. Mussi Cho SFN for hosting this wonderful event to showcase the vital importance of the culture, tradition, language and Northern Tutchone arts and crafts!

~Written by Lauren McGinty



Spirit Dancer at May Gathering

Students Honoured at Graduation Ceremonies

On Friday June 2nd 109 First Nations Graduates from all over the Territory gathered in Whitehorse to celebrate their completion of High School. Our School sent 4 graduates who represented our community and School with pride..

On Friday June 9th, Graduates were honoured in Pelly Crossing, first with the School ceremony and then with the traditional graduation ceremony organized through SFN.

Staff and community are so proud of your accomplishments and know that you all will go on to do extraordinary things.. Congratulations Grads!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce



EVBS Graduates at Traditional Graduation



EVBS Graduates at School Ceremony



The Times They Are a Changing

The times, they are a changing and we have some change in staff for the next School year. I would like to thank the following staff members for their dedication to our students at Eliza Van Bibber School:

Arthur Murgatroyd and Hilary Coburn will be leaving to head back to Australia. Lauren Baranik will be pursuing her Masters Degree next year. Cody Gill and Aaron McGinty will be pursuing further education next year. John Duclos, has accepted a position at Hidden Valley School in Whitehorse for the next School year. I would like to thank all of you for all your hard work over the last number of years. Your presence will be missed by students, staff and community.

I would also like to congratulate Joshua Korten who will be new principal next year. Congratulations Joshua!

~ Written by Shannon Boyce

Fiddleheads



Student learning how to fiddle

The Fiddleheads group visited the School on Friday May 5th to delight the students with their song and dance. The group performed for the School before they headed up to Dawson as the final stop on their tour. After the performance students had the opportunity to ask questions and play the fiddle themselves!



Students enjoying snow on May 4th !

EVBS staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing students back at School on Monday August 28th.

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Upcoming Events

Mark You're Calendar!

Kindergarten Graduation—
Wednesday June 14th at 2:00
pm.

Primary Field Trip
(kindergarten to grade 2) —
Thursday June 15th

First Day of School—Monday
August 28th.

High School Exams—June
5th, 6th, and 7th.